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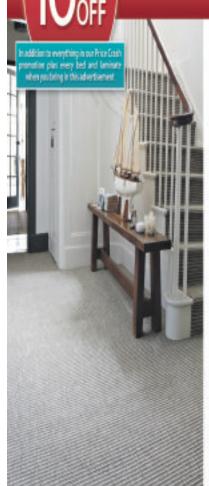


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Nuclear missile launch site given listed status

A Cold War missile site in Northamptonshire, readied for use if the world came to the brink of nuclear war, has been given listed status.

The site at the former RAF Harrington base, between Kelmarsh and Kettering, has been listed at Grade II as a reminder of the "knife-edge moment in history" the world faced during the Cuban missile crisis.

The site at the former RAF North Luffenham base in Rutland has also been given a Grade II listing

been given a Grade II listing,
The two sites are the most intact
examples of Thor missile bases in
England, with concrete launch pads
and blast walls still remaining, along
with mounting bolts for the platforms that would raise the missiles
into a vertical firing position.

The Government made the announcement that the sites were being protected on the 50th anniversary of the Cuban missile crisis, which saw the two bases put on alert and their Thor missiles readied for a possible launch on the Soviet Union.

The listing comes on the advice of English Heritage and is part of an ongoing project to ensure the best Cold War structures are preserved.

A total of 60 Thor missiles, developed by the US, were deployed at 20 sites in the east of England from 1958 under the codename Project Emily.

They were manned by the RAF, but their warheads remained under US control, and the decision to launch them would have been made jointly by the two countries.

Dr Simon Thurley, chief execu-



tive of English Heritage, said: "The remains of the Cold War are fading from view faster than those of the world wars.

"Our Cold War heritage is a complicated and not always easily loved collection of concrete bunkers and silos. But they are the castles and forts of the second half of the 20th century and we want to ensure that the best examples survive.

"These two missile sites are among the few physical reminders in this country of the Cuban missile crisis. They deserve to be protected to remind present and future generations of this knife-edge moment in history."

The crisis, in October 1962, saw the Soviet Union and the US on the brink of nuclear conflict after the Soviets sited armed nuclear weapons in Cuba.

A deal was struck in which the Soviets would remove the weapons and America would not invade Cuba.

The above picture, from the Chron's archives, shows CND protestors outside the Harrington site before the launch pads were installed.

Vandals wreck area's new noticeboards within hours

COMMUNITY volunteers who spent their weekend putting up noticeboards in a Northampton park saw them smashed up within hours.

The volunteers put the wooden boards up in Little Billing pocket park near Valley Road last Saturday morning. They finished the work at noon,

They finished the work at noon, but by 3pm discovered the boards had been smashed up by yobs. The councillor for the area, David Palethorpe (Lab, Billing), who was among the group who put the signs up, described the attack as "moronic and mindless vandalism".

He said: "I got an email on Saturday afternoon to tell me the new boards had been vandalised and you just think to yourself 'for crying out loud, who has done that?'. Somebody told me it was because the kids in the area have got nothing better to do, but it's nothing to do with that. It's just mindless vandalism."

One of the noticeboards had its

One of the noticeboards had its perspex window smashed and the lock prized open. The second boardhad its top smashed off. People who were in the park at the time believe a group of young boys caused the damage before running away. Councillor Palethorpe said:

Councillor Palethorpe said:
"We're going to have to take the
boards out again now and see
what can be done about repairing them. But we won't let this
kind of thing stop us trying to
improve the pocket park. The
community will keep going in the
face of this vandalism."
The noticeboards were designed
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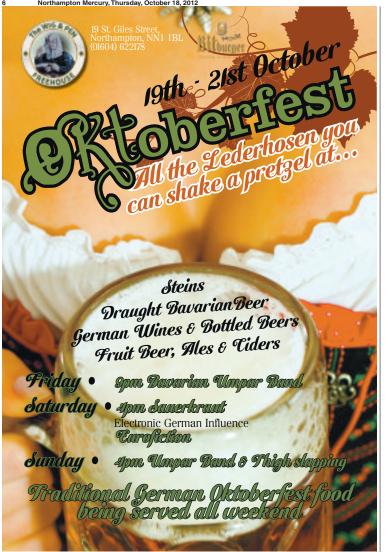






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MP criticises slow London train speed

The average speed of trains travelling Northampton to London is just 67mph, a report by Northamptonshire County Council has revealed.

The town came bottom in the survey, which revealed trains between Rugby and the capital reached an average of 98mph while those from Milton Keynes reached 83mph and Coventry's hit 89mph.

Despite the slow service from Northampton, the council report showed the number of passengers at the town's station had increased from 1.7 million a decade ago to almost 2.5 million now. The Conservative MP for Northampton South, Brian Binley, who is also chairman of the Northamp-ton Rail Users' Group, said the fact so many people used trains from Northampton showed the town deserved a better service. He said: "It's absolutely vital that we have a better commuter service for Northampton.

The council survey showed the fastest train from Northampton to London takes 59 minutes, while it takes 36 minutes from Milton Keynes.

One bright light on the horizon for Northampton however was the plan to build a new railway station in the town.

Mr Binley said he believed that



that, together with the creation of the HS2 high-speed line from Birmingham to London, would boost Northampton's service.

He said: "The new station will help, but at the end of the day, we can only run so many trains from Northampton. That's why HS2 is so important. We desperately need it because it will increase capacity on the West Coast line."

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Police face rise in car crime and

Significant rises have been recorded in burglary and vehicle crimes while thefts from cars in Northampton have increased by a quarter, the latest crime stats have revealed.

The figures, which were released following a request from the Chronicle & Echo, cover the first six months of the police year, from April to September, and showed that overall crime in Northamp-

ton was down by five per cent. However, police bosses have acknowledged they are focused on tackling rises in serious acquisitive crime.

House burglary in Northampton has gone up by 10.9 per cent on the same period last year, while vehicle crime in general has gone up by 16.8 per cent. Most significantly, thefts from cars and vehicles has gone up by 26.9 per cent over the last six months, after police recorded 183 extra crimes.

It comes after the force's car crime team was axed earlier this year as part of cost-cutting measures.

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Senior officers, however, said the increases came after "exceptional" reductions in those crimes last year, claiming burglaries and car crime were still on a "downward trend", despite this year's spike.

They pointed towards huge falls in violent offences, which were down by 12.7 per cent on last year, as evidence the force's priorities were still being met, despite cuts to officer numbers.

Asked about the overall fall in crime, Chief Inspector Andy Cox said: "It is obviously very good news and contin-ues the downward trend of the last few years. The biggest contributor to that is undoubtedly the violent crime reduction.

So far this year, as part of Operation Challenge, police have recorded 650 fewer violent offences.

Chief Insp Cox said the force was still working hard to cut burglary and car crime.

He said: "We have a new lead for burglary and auto crime who is starting next week, and there is an emphasis on the fact we do need to improve, but this is data based on a hugely successful year

Chief Insp Cox said anti-social behaviour was currently down by 17 per cent, while confidence in Northamptonshire Police was at 83 per cent



Chief Insp Andy Cox



Millions invested in cycling boost



spent over the next decade trying to encourage many more people in Northampton to get on their bikes.

A draft cycling and walking strategy, which is currently out to consultation, reveals the extent of investment in the town's cycling infrastructure between now and 2021.

It includes £2.4m earmarked for improvements to cycle parking, information and signing, as well as promotion and education on the benefits of cycling to health and the environment. Currently less than three per cent of Northamp-ton people regularly use a bike, but ambitious plans have been set out to create cycle routes on existing or planned areas

across Northampton.

These include just over £1m alone on the disused railway line link being

opened up between Brackmills and the Castle Station, £405,000 on a link from Cotton End to south of the Carlsberg brewery, including bridge works. Another £500,000 will be spent creating offcarriageway links from the Avon/Nunn Mills/Ransome Road area through to Brackmills and the town centre. Other schemes include £671,760 along the Harlestone Road corridor right down to much smaller projects such as a cycleway along the length of Ladybridge Drive and between Kettering Road and Abington Avenue.

A county council spokesman said:

both individuals and the wider community, in terms of health and well-being, financial savings and the environment. The strategy for Northampton outlines all the potential cycle schemes which could be developed.

"The proposed routes are about connecting the town with cycle routes as it grows so alternative forms of transport are available to allow for an increase in population. It is also about connecting existing cycling infrastructure to create a network which allows people to stick to designated cycle paths.



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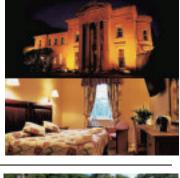
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Proposal approved for £5m plan to help troubled families

Plans have been approved to spend more than £5 million over three years to help some of the county's most troubled families.

Northamptonshire County Council has pledged to target families with problems including having children excluded from school, children with criminal records and parents out of work.

The plans, which are part of the Government's Troubled Families Programme, were approved at a meeting of Northamptonshire County Council's cabinet on Tuesday.

Of the 158 county families which have

all three problems, half are from Northampton.

The project will see one "key worker" assigned to each family to "manage and assess them"

Across Northamptonshire the programme will target 1,200 families, which is one per cent of the national figure.

The county council will have to pay £6,000 of the estimated £10,000 cost per family.

Addressing the cabinet meeting, Councillor Heather Smith (Con, Prebendal) "Of the 158 families which have been identified, about 145 were already

"I strongly believe this is the way we should be going in society to help these families. They are not in this situation

"Having one key worker for each of the families is something I strongly sup-

But Councillor Mark Bullock (Lab, Corby Central) said it was important not

to stigmatise affected families. He said: "In the area I represent, I know all of these troubled families. It is not just some of them, it is all of them who are not there by choice. If this is as it says, I will support it. If it is part of stigmatisation I will be saving some

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Control room staff at Northamptonshire Police received 1,311 hoax and prank calls in the first six months of this year, it has been revealed.

The figures were released after the force came under fire last week when it emerged 245 emergency 999 calls were missed by call centre staff in the county between January and August this year.

The calls were missed during a overhaul of the control room, which saw 20 full-time jobs slashed, and meant calls had to be patched through to telephone operators in Leicestershire instead. The figure is an increase of 170 per cent on the same time last year.

Police chiefs have said internal changes in the control room, which is based at Wootton Hall, in Northampton, have now come into effect which mean staff are now better trained and on shift patterns to match peak periods.

However, they have also revealed the scale of the number of hoax 999 calls they get, often wasting considerable police time. The figure equates to an average of almost six calls a day.

Northamptonshire Police receives more than 300 emergency calls and about 900 to 1,000 non-emergency calls to the control room on an average day. In one example, from last week, operators got a 999 call from a phone box and heard a female voice scream down the line before going quiet and then screaming again.

Police officers were then sent out under emergency conditions to find the receiver left hanging and a gang of kids watching nearby. The call was treated as a hoax.

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A force spokesman said:
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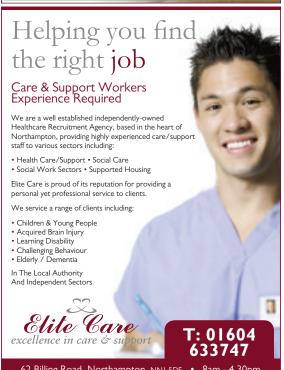
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Objections to annexe as it 'risks damage to school spirit'



Nightmare school runs and safety fears have prompted objections to a plan to annexe a fast-expanding primary school in Northampton.

Education bosses predict Castle Primary School, in St George's Street will, like other schools in the county, see an increase in under-fives of almost 20 per cent and Northamptonshire County Council wants to create extra classrooms on a separate site to increase capacity.

But parents have written more than 150 objection letters, which were due to be handed in at County Hall today.

Gary James, whose daughter goes to the school, said: "The children are not big enough to be going up and down the stairs in some office buildings designed for adults."

The council said numbers of children at Castle need to rise from 420 places to 630. That will allow the current intake of two classes each September to increase to three classes.

A county council letter to parents said: "The proposed expansion is related to the general rise in the population of primary aged pupils living in the area, which is a result of the higher birth rate and inward migration being experienced by the county as a whole and Northampton in particular.

"The current proposal is to establish a second site for the school at a building to be purchased in the town centre."

Although the consultation is on whether the school expands rather than specifically how it does so, parents have focussed on potential consequences of the preferred option.

Stuart Griffiths said: "While capacity clearly does need increasing, I can't see any benefit in dividing a great, united educational community and damaging the spirit that underpins the high standard of learning received by my daughter and her classmates."

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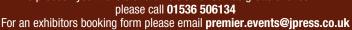
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Hospital prepares for winter with 18 more beds

Up to 18 more beds will be made available at NGH and 30 more places in its mortuary have been created as the hospital plans for more winter patients.

Northampton General Hospital has published its seasonal plan as it hopes to head off the sort of problems increased numbers of very ill patients have caused in recent winters, mainly from flu and emergencies.

It says increased preparations will include more nurses, recruited from Ireland and Portugal because of shortages in the UK, who will be in place by the end of November.

There will also be more consultants and staff generally in A&E as well as extra porters and another upper limb consultant, to deal with injuries from falls in icy weather.

All staff will also be offered

All staff will also be offered flu jabs to minimise contagion of and from patients and any subsequent sickness absence

subsequent sickness absence. There will also be thricedaily reports to hospital bosses to monitor patient numbers and ambulance turnaround times.

However in other areas the hospital has not been able to prepare as well is it would have liked.

Deborah Alderson, deputy director of operations, says in the plan that the hospital has had increased difficulties in recruiting junior doctors, which has "compromised the trust's ability to maintain safety, clinical outcomes, training and compliance of hours".

It added that NGH "is unable to consistently fill training post rotations year on year and the ability to recruit locally remains a challenge".

But she stressed the risk had been minimised as much as possible by using agency staff, although she said the costs associated with that would be "substantial". Bank staff will also be used to staff any extra beds that are needed throughout the winter.

NGH said patients could help doctors and nurses manage demand and ultimateley make their hospital visit shorter.

Christine Allen, NGH's chief operating officer, said: "We have comprehensive plans in place to manage the risks highlighted in our seasonal plan. We will ensure that we can safely and effectively treat hospital patients and attendees at A&E this winter. "It's important to remem-

"It's important to remember that there are many alternatives to going to A&E – such as NHS Direct, your local pharmacy, your GP, and the out of hours service.

"A&E is for critical or lifethreatening situations, and should only be used in a true emergency."



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Firefighters in Northamptonshire have been called out 15 times in the past four years to rescue people who are so obese they cannot get up.

The figures, obtained by the Chron under the Freedom of Information Act, revealed that fire crews were called to help people who had fallen over or become trapped and also to

provide assistance to paramedics who were unable to lift patients due to their size.

The cost of the rescues, known as 'bariatric assists', has not been revealed as it varies depending on the circumstances.

A spokesman for Northamptonshire County Council, which runs the fire service, said: "We do not make judgements in respect of any individual's lifestyle choices, includ-

ing in terms of their diet.
"Education regarding lifestyle choices is provided by the health service and schools where it also forms part of the national curriculum.

"In terms of equipment, fire crews utilise existing equipment to assist in bariatric cases and, aside from stretchers, no special equipment is

used.
"The cost varies depending on a number of factors, such as the type of case, length of time taken, and consequently it's difficult to provide cost information."

The figures revealed fire crews were called out six times to Northampton and four times to Wellingborough.

Firefighters also made

Kilsby, Oundle. tering, Rushden ough to rescue and Peterborobese people who were unable to get to their feet.

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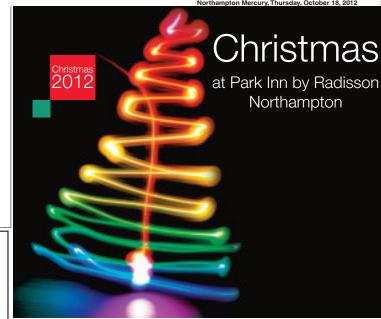
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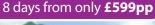


Pompeii, Capri & the Bay of Naples

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Lake Garda, Venice and Verona

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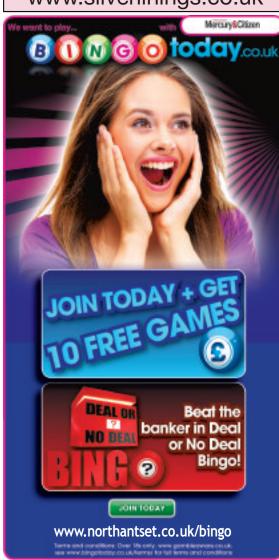
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Town picks up silver award in Bloom competition

Northampton picked up a silver award in the final of this year's Britain in Bloom contest for the work done to make the town a more attractive place.

Northampton was competing against four other 'cities' in its category in the national awards.

Oldham won the overall award, with Norwich, Westminster and Aberdeen all picking up a 'silver gilt' prize. Northampton was given a silver award.

Northampton reached the finals of the Royal Horticultural Society's awards, held in Guernsey on Saturday, after winning the 'city' category of the East Midlands section, the only town to enter. Northampton BID worked with Moulton College on the entry, which saw 175 shops carry floral displays plus displays in The Draperv and Market Square.

Drapery and Market Square.

Richard Clinton, a director of Northampton BID, said: "The focus is not on awards. It's about making the town more vibrant, which drives footfall. We would have been kicked if we hadn't entered, but that is second to making the town a more attractive place to live, work and play

play.

"We are the rose of the shires so it's nice to have something we can be proud

of. If businesses didn't think it was worthwhile we wouldn't be increasing the number who are signing up to take part."

Councillor John Caswell, Northampton Borough Council cabinet member for the environment, said: "I know how hard people have worked to create this year's displays and I have to say the flowers have looked lovely. "So many people have done their bit to brighten up the town and I think everyone should be very proud of their efforts. To have won our category would have been rather nice, but in my mind we are already winners."

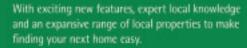


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Sitting comfortably in the Peugeot 3008, the dash readout swore it was 38C outside, but it was hard to believe as cooling zephyrs wafted around as the air con did its best.

The thermometer didn't lie, though. Opening a door was like walking into a giant's hairdryer, you could have cooked your steak to rare perfection by leaving it in the sun for a minute or two.

You may have guessed by now that the Peugeot was not being parked somewhere in deepest Northants. No, it was pausing for breath by the seaside on the French Mediterranean coast a few miles from the Spanish border.

The purpose of the trip (you've guessed) was a holiday and the Peugeot was the means of getting

there and back.
And with more than 2,300 miles in prospect for the round trip, it had better be an economical Peugeot. So there looked nothing better than the 3008 Hybrid4 a tempting mix of conventional diesel at the front and an electric motor and a big battery at the

Not only does this mix give the

possibility of four-wheel drive when needed, it also hints at near silent running on electric power alone, if only at low speed and not

for very far.

Better still, for drivers who choose a Hybrid4 as their company car it means a saving of thousands of pounds over three years on benefit in kind payments, compared to a similarly sized (but non-hybrid) Peugeot 3008.

Buy the 'cleanest' version of the test car and you'll cock a snook at the London congestion charge and pay no road tax either; the wellequipped test car just misses free capital entry and you'll pay £20 a year tax after the first free year. Perhaps most tempting of all,

and especially with more than 2,000 miles in 10 days in prospect, was the Peugeot's official average fuel consumption of better than 70mpg

iesel may cost less in France than here (but not much) and anything near that eco-friendly figure would do very nicely, thank you.

Now, you may know that car makers have to follow a strict set of rules when they measure their vehicles' consumption. They're dictated by European legislation and don't often come anywhere

near a real world figure. They didn't this time either, but I was still pleasantly surprised with a dash readout of 51mpg at journey's end.

Consider that the car had been well loaded most of the time (provisions on the way out, wine on the way home), been run at motorway speed for long stretches (when the electric motors don't help) and with the air con working hard (it saps power and fuel) and that counts as a result.

By comparison, a non-hybrid 3008 tested on home ground gave me an unimpressive 43mpg some months ago.

But we now come to the ele-phant in the 3008's room; it costs a solid £4,500 more than the nearest non-eco equivalent.

That's a lot of miles of cheaper running before the sums balance if you're not making savings on your income tax returns at the

same time.

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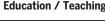
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Chris can Hackett Hartley's warning

AIDY Boothroyd will continue to use Chris Hackett as a right-back if Danny East is not passed fit for the trip to Barnet on Friday night.

And the Cobblers boss issued a glowing appraisal of Hackett's performances as a full-back in the absence of both East and John Johnson with

The former Millwall winger has been excellent in the past two games filling in on the right of the back four, with Town registering victories in both of those matches.

As well as using his pace in defensive situations, Hackett is also given license to attack from deep, something Boothroyd feels the player is perfectly suited to when

playing in a traditional back

"He's done very well has Chris," said the Northampton manager. "I brought him in wanting him to be an out-andout wide player but I knew he could do a job for us in central midfield and as a full-

"The good thing about him is that when teams play a 4-4-2 or a 4-3-3 the players that tend to get on the ball the most team to be the full-backs.

"On the left we've got a real footballer in Joe Widdowson and he can improve and get better, and on the right we've got Johnno (John Johnson) who likes to join in, or Easty (Danny East).

"When you've got a winger there who really wants to go that way it gives you an attacking edge so I'm pleased with

that.

"We played him there in preseason so we always knew he could do a good job for the team at right-back."

Hull City loanee East has missed the wins over Colchester United and Exeter City with an injured shoulder and could sit out the game at Under-hill on Friday night, with the club waiting until the 11th hour to make a decision on his

"If he falls on it or he's repeatedly throwing the ball then he's putting himself at risk so we'll have to have a look at it on Friday," he said.

"He really wants to play, that's one of the good things about him but he'll probably be touch and go for Barnet.



VERSATILE - winger Chris Hackett

DYLAN HARTLEY has urged Saints to back up their win against Glasgow Warriors when they head to France for Friday's clash with Castres.

Skipper Hartley and his men came back from 15-0 down to clinch a bonus-point 24-15 victory against the RaboDirect PRO12 Warriors.

It was a spirited showing and one which puts Saints level with Ulster at the top of Heineken Cup

pool 4 on five points. But a trip to Top 14 side Castres, who lost 41-17 to Ulster in Belfast, will be a different proposition and Hartley has issued a rallying call ahead of the game in Toulouse.
"We said in the week leading up

to the game, if you want to go well in the Heineken Cup you've got to win your home games." said the

"Usually your first game is fairly important as well so we'll take a lot of confidence from that.'

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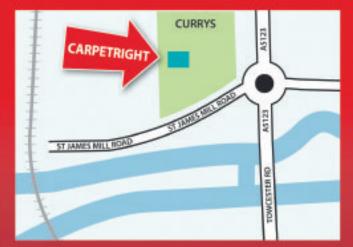
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